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FOR THOSE THAT CHOOSE TO THINK FOR THEMSELVES

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THE EMPIRE STRIKES BACK

Where's Luke Skywalker when you really need him?

You may not be aware of it yet but on Friday, April 12, 1996 **WAR** was declared on alternative medicine MD's and DO's and their patients (yes, that includes you Charlie). The "establishment", (consisting of administrators of powerful medical groups, well-placed officials in state and federal agencies in league with state and federal legislators, paid off by the pharmaceutical and health insurance industries, and sham citizen advocacy groups masquerading as "the grass roots" people) openly and flagrantly called for the complete annihilation of any and all forms of "alternative" medical practice!

This happened at the 84th Annual Meeting of the Federation of State Medical Boards, held in Chicago Illinois. This is the official national group of disciplinary boards for doctors. According to the Ad Hoc Committee on Health Care Fraud, ALL the doctors that use any form of alternative medicine (i.e. chelation therapy, homeopathy, naturopathy, nutritional counseling, vitamin therapy etc.) are QUACKS and are committing medical fraud. Thus they should not only be barred from practice, they should be charged with a criminal act!!

Once they are brought into court on criminal charges, state attorney generals should immediately ask the judge to dismiss any "expert" testimony that supports the quack in question on the basis of a recent Supreme Court ruling that "junk science" testimony, not substantiated in the "peer review literature" (only the New England Journal of Medicine would be considered by the board members as proper literature), may be dismissed by the court and refused as evidence in any and all court hearings.

Moreover, the food supplement industry as well as the alternative medicine device industry, are scandalously

fraudulent in all of their practices and must be completely shut down and prosecuted with law determined to put practitioners and companies in jail for years and levy heavy fines.

The FSMB intends to publish a complete report providing guidelines for attorney general offices, medical disciplinary boards, insurance companies, Medicare, the FDA, the FTC, the post office inspector, consumer advocacy groups and related medical groups to detect, investigate and prosecute all parties involved in "quack" medicine.

A detailed outline of : how to craft legal charges, accumulate information, engage in discovery, access data bases, compile evidence, utilize the power of cooperating agencies, secure the services of "reliable quackbusting expert witnesses", and most important, how to defuse a doctor's natural defense, supportive patients who report successful outcomes, all characterized as junk science. All this is designed to ensure that there is **NO DEFENSE** THAT A PHYSICIAN CAN MAKE ONCE HE'S CHARGED WITH QUACKERY!!

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Like the dinosaur, these pea-brained thinkers have a dangerously powerful strength—both financial and from the entrenched "empire" of bureaucrats. For example, a presentation was given at the meeting by a representative of the Federal Trade Commission. This individual felt an absolute driving need to "nail" all the quacks who advertise that their remedies (meaning chelation, naturopathy,

homeopathy, herbal, etc.) can help arthritis, circulation disorders, and other medical conditions. The argument for the FTC is that the "medical community" at large does not agree that these practices have any merit...**thus they are fraudulent!!** The FTC intends to single out doctors, and companies that put this advertising not only on TV, the radio and the newspapers, but also books, pamphlets, even clinic brochures. The bottom line for the FTC is simply to stop all forms of quack advertising by whatever means possible.

Obviously the public demand for "alternative" medicine has shaken the "money" boys to the point that they felt the desperate need to construct a "Death Star" to annihilate this threat to the Empire. They tried it at the Federal level and failed when the true "grass roots" people mounted an enormous effort to stop the FDA from classifying supplements as drugs. They tried to introduce legislation to ban homeopathy, and failed. But they learned from this experience and now are attacking at the State level in a highly organized, well financed, all out WAR. Pity the poor individual physician that comes up against this storm trooper gang! Due process? Forget it.

There are only a very few States that have legislation already in place, protecting the freedom of choice for alternative medicine. The 'Empire' is determined to put an end to any further enactment of 'Alaska-style' patient initiative legislation and is committed to preventing passage of Federal protection as proposed in the stalled Access to Medical Treatment Act.

There's more, much more. But don't take my word for it. Get a copy of the taped proceedings for yourself and any others that may be interested. Send \$3.00 to:

Tape, c/o ATHA
5419 South Western Avenue
Oklahoma City, OK 73109

So what's all this got to do with your animals? If "human" alternative medicine is wiped out, how long will it be before the veterinary community follows suite?

As we move into the 21st Century will we have a new age of medicine or will we be faced with another 'ice age' of poison, cut and burn?

For those that choose to continue on in a 'business as usual' fashion, don't be surprised to see your choice of medicine disappear.

For all 'rebels', take heed. You've been warned!
May the force be with you.



NEW TEST FOR CANCER

While the pharmaceutical companies pour who knows how many dollars into stamping out quack medicine, small laboratory has developed a new, simple and relatively inexpensive method to test for cancer. There is also a strong possibility that they could develop not only a cure for developed cancers but also a vaccine to prevent cancer. The main problem they have at this stage is **lack of money!**

If this discovery had been made by a large drug company you would have seen major press releases and a few thousand sales reps would have inundated doctors all across the country. As it is, this small lab (Oncolab Inc.) has not done any advertising and lacks funding to carry on research into this potentially major breakthrough.

Nevertheless, word is slowly getting out that with a single blood test, they can determine with great accuracy (approximately 95%) whether there's cancer anywhere in the body !! There is no other general cancer test that has this kind of accuracy. It is not useful if the cancer is very far advanced, but in all cases short of terminal, the test performs well.

What I find fascinating about the development of this test is that Dr. Samuel Bogoch, M.D., Ph.D. utilized a basic holistic concept with good hard science and came up with a procedure that is far superior to anything currently used by the boys from the "Empire".

With respect to cancer, there is a theory that we're making a few cancer cells all the time (more as we grow older) and a healthy immune system produces an antibody in response to kill these newly transformed cells.

This antibody (termed as the "anti-malignin" antibody) reacts to a general cancer antigen. This antigen is not related to a particular type of cancer, but is created when normal cells have undergone malignant transformation.

In a healthy body, we need only tiny quantities of the anti-malignin antibody to take care of the ongoing production of a few cancer cells. Thus a 'healthy' body will have a "background" level of this specific antibody in the bloodstream. This level can, of course, be measured.

The test developed by Dr. Bogoch determines if we have more than the constant lower-level background of this antibody. Thus if our bodies are making lots more of the anti-malignin antibody then its very likely (95%) that we actually have cancer somewhere.

Sounds simple doesn't it? Actually it is—but remember, it measures a general antibody against cancer-- that is something taught in all medical schools that just doesn't happen!! I wonder what the quackbusters are going to say about this one!

Does it really work? Studies have been done at many centers, not only at Oncolab, including at least a dozen major hospitals in the U.S.A. and three in the United Kingdom. The tests themselves have been performed at three independent labs with the same results. The largest study involved over 4,000 tests.

The test is done with a single blood specimen. No special preparation or fasting is required. Considering the importance of the test, it is relatively cheap! \$135.00 for the first test and \$85.00 for each follow-up test for the same person. For now (see previous article) it's also covered by Medicare. It hasn't been written up yet in the New England Journal of Medicine so we can't really be sure of its future if the 'Storm troopers' decide to attack it.

Speaking of the future, there is a vaccine based on the work of Oncolab and Dr. Bogoch, but they don't have a clue whether it will be useful or not. Why? It hasn't been tested yet. Why? You guessed it—lack of funding!

Another project they would dearly like to undertake is to produce large quantities of the anti-malignin antibody for injection into cancer sufferers to see if their cancers will be eliminated. They do have the technical know how to reproduce the human antibody in human cells BUT Lack the funding to carry on.

Although no application for animals has yet been developed (Yeah Charlie—no funding) I thought you would like to know about it.

Boy! You talk about potential! If I were a venture capitalist I'd sure take a flyer on this one.

If you (or your doctor) want more information on the test call (800) 922-8378. Remember that the test isn't perfect but it is worth considering.

Dr. Samuel Bogoch earned his M.D. from the University of Toronto in 1951, and his Ph.D. in biochemistry from Harvard University in 1956. He taught at Harvard from 1956 to 1961, and has been a professor at Boston University School of Medicine, where he is currently Associate Research Professor of Biochemistry.

He is author of more than 100 research papers and six scientific books.

In 1968 and subsequently, Dr. Bogoch co-founded the predecessor companies to Oncolab, Inc. He led in the discovery of the products and processes which form the basis of the "anti-malignin antibody" test, currently offered by Oncolab.

THE LEARNING CURVE

Many, if not most, people start to learn about holistic methods of health care because of a bad or unsatisfactory experience with 'orthodox' medicine. Usually the "newcomer", faced with the fear of the unknown, tiptoes into this new world of knowledge determined to find out if there is a 'better way' of doing things.

Without a guiding light or a personal 'guru' he begins to find information about the wonders of this product or that product and all the 'magical' benefits that can be derived from using it. Lets face it gang, there are some pretty wild statements being made out there and some of them can be downright dangerous. All they really do is justify the storm troopers existence. For example here are a couple I have run across in the last few weeks:

"Just use a little apple cider vinegar...no more heartworm problems".

"Parvo is easy to cure. Just use mega doses of Vitamin C".

When you remember that the newcomer is still thinking along the lines of "take this (pill) for that malady" you begin to realize that what is really needed is a complete change in mindset!

Natural Rearing is not really about using this remedy or that remedy (rather than a drug) to "fix" a particular problem. Sure it can be done, and quite often with spectacular results. Sometimes that's all the newcomer is interested in. The expectation level is still oriented from lifelong habit that health care is based on treating sickness. **Good health care is based on PREVENTION!!** That's what Natural Rearing is all about.

For those that are willing to embrace the 'lifestyle' the rewards are enormous. There is a very distinct learning curve in realizing that the principals involved are elegantly simple but need to be applied in totality—not splintered into component parts and used with slap dash application whenever it is "convenient".

The real payoff comes in the second, third, and subsequent generations of animals raised naturally. They are glorious to behold and a joy to own. Nature works slowly. She has no place for the "fast food" mindset in her scheme of things. She has designed the perfect companion for man if, and only if, we follow her pattern. I have several hounds that have never seen the inside of a vets office! My very first Basset (over ten years old) still moves beautifully and can easily keep pace with my younger girls.

The point is, it doesn't happen by accident. It happens by taking the time to learn and apply a few basic principals. It does mean that the newcomer must have the courage to break the 'conditioning' of the fear mongers, and



develop the ability to separate 'hype' from fact. With a dash of common sense, an open mind, and a willingness to dig for tried and proven methods, the newcomer will be able to answer many questions for themselves. With knowledge will come the ability to make well informed decisions on diet, vaccination, etc.—without fear of “doing something wrong”.

Well meant criticisms from friends, veterinarians, and particularly your former breeder, will be put into proper perspective and will no longer haunt your conscience with the “I know better than you” syndrome.

As time passes and you see the glowing health that your animals enjoy, you will be filled with a deep sense of satisfaction that no money on earth could ever buy. As your bitch free whelps another large litter of vigorous healthy puppies, you know full well that the little extra time involved in natural rearing is the best investment you ever made. Your sense of confidence will grow and you will reach another stage in the ‘learning curve’.

It is normal that when your practical experience has proven beyond any doubt the wonderful benefits your dogs have enjoyed, you want to share it with others that simply are still caught in the “orthodox” trap. Even at shows, you will see animals that you know would be better off, if only...

After a few hard lessons with their attitude of “my mind is made up—don’t confuse me with the facts” you learn that not everybody is ready to hear your message. Sometimes the best thing you can do is bite your lip and stay silent!

I know this can be hard to do. I find it particularly difficult when it comes to the topic of diet. As this forms the very foundation of any natural rearing program, I know people have missed the whole point when they continue to send me labels from this commercial food or that, asking my opinion. On the one hand you don’t want to discourage anyone from learning more about natural rearing and on the other hand you know full well that unless they adopt a raw diet they will never enjoy the full benefits that this method of feeding provides.

A breeder friend of mine put it point blank to me one day. She said “If they won’t feed a raw diet, they should switch to raising Goldfish”. Her heart is in the right place but I wonder if the newcomer is ready to hear this.

At least with vaccinations, we can point to “orthodox” literature condemning the practice of annual boosters (even if most conventional vets are still pounding away at this particular money tree). Don’t be afraid to speak out on this one gang.

One thing I have learned over the past decade is that you never stop learning!! Actually it’s fun and does keep me young and enthusiastic (and busy!). I don’t know where the learning curve will take me, but I am enjoying the journey.

DEVELOPING A MINDSET

Breaking the allopathic conditioning we have been brought up on is not always such an easy task.

As the whole body is complex in its working function, we must approach a health problem from the same complex viewpoint. It becomes an exercise in retraining ourselves to become acutely aware of our animals and their idiosyncrasies, while at the same time thinking about everything from environment and external factors to diet and medications and how this will effect the overall well being of the animal.

Too often I will be working with a breeder on a serious or chronic problem on a dog (and they are doing great giving all the remedies, etc.) then something else might pop up, like an ear infection, and they automatically treat it allopathically. Or, it was ‘time for worming’ and they automatically use a chemical wormer. If you ask them did they have worms...no it was “just time”.

You need to start thinking about each step and what you have been so conditioned emotionally to do. **Think before you react!!**

If you take your animal to the vet, do not let them dispense drugs or give him a shot of something before telling you exactly what it is and the side effects or problems associated with long term use. Are we treating and solving the problem or are we simply putting a big band aid on it? What happens when we pull the band aid off? (Usually the problem returns!) Is there an alternative that is safer and more effective?

Holistic medicine changes the way we see the body. Besides dealing with the symptomatic picture, quite often the body will need immune support; drainage remedies; support for the liver and kidneys; and other support where the body has shown a breakdown in the functioning cycle. To achieve this total support may require a half dozen or even a dozen different remedies, to properly activate the entire healing process. The allopathic conditioning of our mindset would automatically see this as excessive (i.e. one problem—one drug). If you revert to this kind of thinking and say “I will use only one remedy or supplement at a time and judge the response” you will almost always fail. What’s the point of using something to get rid of a toxic substance, being successful, and having the dog die because you didn’t support the organs used to eliminate the toxin from the body?

By asking questions of yourself, you can often illuminate a problem to your dogs health. Like..when did we start noticing the problem; what happened in the previous few months before the trouble; was there previous treatment; change in environment (i.e. new rugs, paint, etc.); hormonal changes (spay/neuter); introduction of a new family member. As you begin to get answers, this will often lead you to what precipitated the problem in the first place and can be extremely important as to the course of treatment chosen.

At the very least, in the case of disease, we need to ask the basic question of what allopathic medicine has to offer and what holistic medicine has to offer, and choose the best from each!

VETERINARY ENERGY MEDICINE

It is probable that most holistic veterinarians agree that there is a "vital force" in every living creature that needs to be addressed in health care modalities. In our last issue, we brought you some information on a least one scientist in the 'human' arena, that is using modern technology to research the many potential uses of understanding the 'energy' aspects of the body.

In this issue we would like to tell you about a veterinarian that has gone the extra mile, to learn and utilize modern equipment with ancient energy flow patterns, to enhance the practice of holistic health care for animals.

Dr. Joanne Stefanatos, D.V.M. is deeply involved in the practice of "bioenergetic" veterinary medicine, from her clinic in Las Vegas, Nevada. She points out that every living thing emits radiation's that can be measured. These radiation's of energy are actually 'photons' and the photon emissions are called the "Aura". (Sound familiar?).

She states that every cell of every tissue is characterized by its own special oscillatory vibration. They all have their own 'frequency' to maintain health.

If this frequency is distorted the result will be in disease of the organism! Toxins are waste products of cells or of external origin (mainly from the environment) that can neutralize the oscillatory movement of cells, weaken them and can kill them. Health can only be maintained by stimulating the vital force in the body, so the body can heal itself.

In literature for her clients she bluntly states: "No antibiotic or drug, no matter how powerful, will save the life of your pet, if the vital force of healing is suppressed or lacking. In holistic medicine we use homeopathy, acupuncture, magnetic field therapy, color therapy, sound therapy, energetic nutrition, vitamin-mineral supplementation, herbs and polarity energy balancing techniques to directly stimulate your pet's immune system"

On a practical level, she uses computers and electronic instruments for surprisingly accurate diagnostic purposes. Based on ancient Chinese acupuncture meridians, she uses a machine called the "Accupath 1000" to measure minute electromagnetic energy deficiencies at various points. It is so sensitive that it allows disturbances to be observed before the onset of acute clinical pathology. She also utilizes the "Interro Electodiagnostic Computer" to aid in specific identification of a broad variety of items.

The equipment is capable of identifying 1,800 testable items, including viruses, pesticides, vitamins/minerals, chemicals, homeopathics, etc. She feels this testing is far superior to blood tests and other diagnostic tests.

Again, drawing on her literature, she states: "With

the Interro Electodiagnostic Computer, we can measure the energy level of the right half and the left half of each organ in your pet's body. We will know which organs are normal, inflamed or degenerative. After each organ is tested, we determine which toxins such as viruses, chemicals, pesticides, bacteria, fungi, etc. are creating the problem...we can allergy test for foods, pollens, weeds, plants, insects, fungi and pesticides".

Interestingly, she has found that after two and one half years of testing hundreds of animals, there are three major problems seen consistently.

The first and foremost is vaccinosis—the long lasting morbid constitutional state created by the vaccine virus in the animal's body. From the first 100 cases tested, 65% of illnesses occurred within 60 days after MLV rabies, DHLPP, or FRC vaccination. Ninety-two percent of dogs and cats were six years of age or older. **Eighty-two percent of the total cases of vaccinosis occurred after rabies vaccination!**

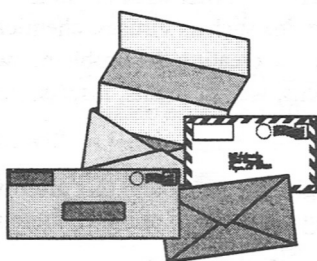
The second most commonly seen problem in animals is pesticide toxicity, probably caused by the enormous quantities of flea/tick dips, powders, collars and shampoos used extensively today. The animal is sprayed, the immediate surroundings are sprayed, and the animals food may be contaminated with pesticides.

The third most common problem is heavy metal toxicity. The most common metals seen are aluminum, lead, and cadmium. Aluminum bowls for food or water are the main source of contamination. Aluminum salts are soluble in water and are assimilated easily into the GI tract, depositing in the brain and nervous tissue and accumulating there over a long period of time. Aluminum dries up blood cells and decreases the energy level of anything it comes into contact with. Lead is the main source of contamination from paints, old water pipes and bone meal. (Yes, Charlie lead is found in bone meal! It does accumulate in the bones of animals used for commercial pet products!). Cadmium is found in soft water, galvanized pipes, tires, batteries, paints and plated metals and is a main air pollutant from the burning of oil and coal, cigarette smoke, and automobile exhaust.

We are indeed lucky to have in this country, such a dedicated leader in the field of veterinarian energy medicine. Truly she is using 'the best of both worlds' to embrace the finest philosophy of "holistic" health care for animals. It's just a shame that more veterinarians do not take advantage of her considerable expertise. She does invite and welcomes inquiries from interested veterinarians.

In her words: "In the past, medicine has relied on surgery and drugs. The medicine of the future is as far in the opposite direction as possible—it is energy medicine based on electromagnetism. It will revolutionize medicine in the world today." May God protect her from the storm troopers!!

MAILBOX



Dateline May 10th, 1996 Del ray Beach, FL

Dear Marina,

I'm writing this to you to inspire your readers into **never giving up hope.**

"Sam" is a 2 year old Dalmatian that is the absolute love of our life.

He had always been in good health but we had been advised by our vet to start the flea "Program" in addition to our monthly heartworm program. This was in Feb. Shortly after that time, we noticed subtle changes in Sam. He had less energy; failing appetite; but nothing significant that we could put our finger on.

Then at the beginning of May, Sam went into a serious problem. He stopped eating all together. We took him to the vet and the diagnosis was liver failure. Within less than two weeks he was completely jaundice and was put on I.V support at the vet's office. Everything had been tried to save him, but as he had not responded to any treatment, my vet recommended euthanasia. He told us Sam would not recover and probably only had one more day to live.

As I mentioned Sam is one of our family and we just couldn't bring ourselves to do it, so we brought him home. He was so skinny (as he hadn't eaten in two weeks) but something in his eyes had a glimmer of hope.

Our neighbor had worked with you in the past with one of her dogs with good results and she suggested we call you as we had nothing to lose!

After faxing you the bloodwork , you expressed us a box of remedies. Well, within 4 days of using the remedies he was no longer jaundice! He's been eating great and has gained back the weight. He once again runs around after my children.

The vet keeps calling to see if Sam is still alive! I told him what we did and he was in such disbelief that he wanted me to bring him back just so he could see! I was not about to subject poor Sam to any more stress just to satisfy his curiosity. He will get to see him when we go in for the follow up blood test as you suggested.

No one knows for sure exactly what went wrong with Sam, (in the two weeks and all the tests there was no confirmed diagnosis, except the obvious liver failure), but we feel sure the 'Program' flea pill was at the root of it.

I don't know how to thank you enough for saving Sam.

Editor Comment: When Sam's bloodwork came in, it contained some of the worst numbers I had ever seen. The ALT (liver enzyme) was over 3,000 (normal is between 5 - 75 on this lab test). The AST (liver and gonad function) was over 2,100 (normal is between 5 - 65). The Alkaline Phosphatase (liver / adrenal) was 528 (normal is between 1 - 70). Of course other results were out of balance but these were the most dramatic. A couple of other vets I talked to commented that with numbers like that we were looking at a dead dog!

I knew to have any hope of being successful, treatment had to be swift and very aggressive. There was no way a single approach or remedy was going to get the job done.

Obviously glandular therapy was necessary (see volume 1 issue #9 for full explanation on glandular therapy). Livaplex; Adrenal complex and Pancreas complex were used as indicated by the bloodwork.

Vitamins E, A, and D were also given which act for the liver like motor oil for a car.

Homeopathic support was also needed. A formula called Chemotox was given to aid the body in detoxifying from the chemical buildup in the body. Echinacea Forte and Lymphatic were given to help the body's general defense system and fight any possible infection. Direct homeopathic liver support was also given. These were Hepar. Compositum and Liver. They both have good action in helping liver function.

Herbal therapy was also chosen with two purposes mind. One to cleanse and detoxify the liver. This was done with a product called herbal Hepatox. This formula contains Beet leaves; Casoara sagrada and Parsley to aid in the excretion of bile; Dandelion root and Uva Ursi to assist the urinary tract in the detoxification process; Milk Thistle, a liver tonic and stimulant that encourages liver cell renewal and Licorice root, helps to remove the toxins from the body.

The second purpose was to restore and stimulate action on the damaged liver tissue. An herbal formula from Australia was used which contained , Chelidonium majus (Greater Celandine). This plant has specific action on the gall bladder and bile ducts and aids in the stimulation of bile as well as pancreatic juice; Chionanthus virginicus (Fringe Tree), which is used in a variety of hepatic and biliary complaints and again helps to stimulate the liver, gall bladder and spleen; Cynara scolymus (Globe Artichoke), a bitter herb which contains a number of enzymes that help liver cell damage; Silybum marianum (Milk Thistle) and taraxacum radix (Dandelion Root).

Sam's quick response was truly remarkable! It is known that Dalmatians (as with many other breeds) can be predisposed to liver problems. We can never say with 100% certainty that the 'Program' pill was the main contributing factor to Sam's liver disorder. One thing is obvious--more long term studies must be done on these new "magic" products, particularly in susceptible breeds or animals that already suffer from compromised liver conditions.

Dateline March, 1996 Philadelphia, PA

Dear Marina,

It was recommended to me last April ('95) from the University of Pennsylvania Veterinary Hospital that I say goodbye to the love of my life, my little miniature dachshund. The diagnosis of uncontrolled Cushings with accompanying Liver degeneration would, I was informed, continue to worsen. The consensus of the vets treating her (unsuccessfully) after four months was...euthanasia.

I had adopted this little ten pound mighty-mite from Dachshund rescue in 1993 and her age was evaluated at around 10. The story of her illness and subsequent diagnosis (by the U of P vet hospital) beginning in January of 1995 with accompanied treatment, is one which brings back painful memories. When traditional medications did not appear to control her symptoms and in fact began to exacerbate her deteriorating condition, I contacted a homeopathic vet through recommendation from a friend.

My (dog) has now been under the care of Dr. Khalsa in Yardley, PA for the past going on 14 months. She is on tonics, remedies, vitamins, receives acupuncture and chiropractic alignment. She exhibits no signs of the progressively debilitating Cushings disease and it is doubtful the original diagnosis was correct. She has a healthy appetite and remains unbelievably feisty and in good condition except of course for the typical flare up of arthritis problems accompanying old age, (she is about 13-14 years old).

If I were to have taken the advise of a major teaching vet hospital, my beloved (dog) would have been gone. When I wrote to the hospital asking for an explanation, they were at a loss to explain her remission. They would not, however, admit to any responsibility for misdiagnosis. (This is after I spent more than \$3,000 on hospital fees and charges!).

It is not my desire to speak unfavorably about a group of very dedicated and talented veterinarian clinicians who practice a skill which I most admire. However, as with any large institution, clinical diagnoses processes and choices may not be as carefully analyzed as they need to be. And our animal companions aren't the ones who can ask the poignant questions.

Although my pet's case may be somewhat unusual, I am very grateful there was and continues to be another option in the venue of natural healing.

This is another example of the 'never give up hope' mindset. Thanks for sharing your experience with us.

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Dateline June, 1996 Charlotte Hall, MD

Dear Marina,

Just had to write and tell you that the Fading Puppy Remedy has saved another life!

My friend lost her Borzoi bitch in a cesarean section Saturday. She has been up bottle feeding the babies every two hours (there were 11 puppies).

While I was on the phone with her on Tuesday, one of the pups died. She had just finished telling me how worried she was about this little guy and I had just started to tell her about the Fading Puppy Remedy, when the pup died. She was devastated!

I rushed the remedy to her and to be honest, I think she was a little uneasy about using it. But, I talked to her Thursday and she credits me (and the remedy) with saving a pup.

It was about 2:00AM Thursday morning, she was feeding the pups and noticed that one had turned a gray color and looked just like the one that died. She immediately administered 4 drops of the remedy on the tongue.

She fell asleep in the box with them and when she woke at 4:00AM she fully expected to find the puppy dead. Instead, it was alert, head bobbing around, and as normal as the rest of the litter! Expect an order from her. Her husband told her to order 2 bottles and keep it on hand.

Over the years I have lost track of the many, many times I have heard of the wonderful results from this particular homeopathic remedy.

There doesn't seem to be any one specific cause that can be pointed to for the 'fading puppy syndrome', but time and time again I have heard back from breeders that this particular formula has worked miracles in reviving an otherwise very sick puppy. I've said it before and I will say it again: **this is one remedy I simply must have on hand for any breeding program!**

DOG RULES AROUND OUR HOUSE

1. The basset is not allowed in the house.
2. Okay, the basset is allowed in the house, but only in certain rooms.
3. The basset is allowed in all rooms, but has to stay off the furniture.
4. The basset can get on the old furniture only, but has to stay off the new couch.
5. Fine, the basset is allowed on all the furniture, but is not allowed to sleep with the humans on the bed.
6. Okay, the basset is allowed on the bed, but only by invitation.
7. The basset can sleep on the bed whenever he wants, but not under the covers.
8. The basset can sleep under the covers by invitation only.
9. The basset can sleep under the covers every night.
10. Humans must ask permission to sleep under the covers with the basset.

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BEHIND THE SCENES

Have you ever wondered just how much influence the large pharmaceutical companies have on the practice of veterinary medicine? Have you ever wondered why a veterinarian recommends certain things to all of their clients?

To begin to understand just where most orthodox vets are coming from with their practice, let's go 'behind the scenes' and take a look at what is happening on a day to day basis in the average clinic.

Most vets are busy people dealing primarily with 'pet' owners rather than 'breeders' and over time tend to see a common set of 'problems' that need to be dealt with. More often than not, this leads to an "assembly line" brand of medicine. There are exceptions of course, but when one animal after another comes in with say a "flea" problem, there is a strong tendency for the vet to use a "common" solution if it exists. It's probably been a while since his formal education ended, so how do you think he will respond when the sales rep from Ciba-Geigy comes along to explain the "benefits" of their new "Program" for flea control?

Now you have to realize that these reps really know how to do a sales job. Their objective is to not only provide a "solution" for the veterinarian but to ensure that they can get the most 'volume' sales possible! This means of course, that they want the vet to use the product on every animal possible that comes through the door.

To give the vet a 'reason' to do so the generous Ciba-Geigy company has developed a wonderful 'volume based' financial kick back incentive. The current one (running from Nov. 13, 1995 to July 1, 1996) provides three levels of rebate where the veterinarian can receive \$500, \$1,000 or \$2,000 cash kickback by achieving the volumes designated by the company!

To help the vet achieve these volumes, the 'generous' company provides a large supply of 'point of sale' promotional materials (signs, brochures, etc.).

So not only will the vet make the 'normal' profit on each sale of "Program", but he is urged to take advantage of the 'extra' money by pushing the volume of sales up as high as possible.

Do you really think the average, busy orthodox veterinarian is going to resist this kind of hype? Can you really expect him to 'question' the 'science' behind the product? After all, it's been fully approved by the appropriate Government agencies and good old Ciba wouldn't put anything on the market that wasn't good would they?

The Dalmation owner from Del Ray Beach (see mailbox) could probably tell them a thing or two, but who would listen?

CRANBERRY JUICE

Cranberry juice is an old folk remedy that has a long history of usage for preventing and treating urinary-tract infections. The 'Empire' boys still consider it to be just another "quack" remedy because it has not been scientifically proven...until now, that is!

In a recent study, some 153 elderly women (average age 78.5 years) were randomly assigned to consume 300ml. (about ten ounces) daily of a cranberry juice beverage or a synthetic placebo drink that was similar in taste, appearance, and Vitamin C content.

After six months of treatment, women receiving the cranberry juice had 58% fewer urinary-tract infections than did women receiving the placebo.

There were some interesting aspects to this particular study. For example, in the past it was thought that cranberry juice increased the acidity of the urine, which would make it more difficult for certain bacteria to grow. However, in this study, the urinary acidity was not increased with cranberry juice. Its beneficial effect must therefore be attributed to some other action.

We do know that cranberry juice contains relatively large amounts of a compound called "hippuric acid" which is known to have an antibiotic activity. There also appears to be an unidentified substance in cranberry juice that prevents bacteria from binding to the bladder wall. Obviously, if bacteria cannot attach themselves to tissues, they cannot cause an infection.

We have had excellent results in using Cranberry concentrate capsules (1,000 mg capsule) for the dogs in preventing reoccurring urinary tract infections and cystitis problems. The concentrate is of course much easier to administer plus it contains no sweeteners or added sugars.

For those animals that have chronic reoccurring infections we have obtained stable relief with using a Chinese herbal formulation called Linder 15. This formula can be used safely for long term use in both dogs and cats.

If a bladder infection should occur, in the majority of cases it can be treated easily and quickly by a variety of natural methods, without resorting to continual rounds of antibiotics which can create its own set of problems. (i.e. yeast infections.)

To treat an infection BHI Bladder and Inflammation are two homeopathics that work well to relieve symptoms and make the animal more comfortable. They can be given frequently in acute symptoms. The glandular called Albalplex works well in conjunction to clear the problem. It gives direct support to the kidney, liver and urinary tract functions. It also aids the immune system and can be used until all signs of infection are clear.